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VSO Quarterly Newsletter

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Message from the VSO: Army Veteran, Celestina Traver M.A.



"Welcome to the first edition of our Veterans Services newsletter "SCUTTLEBUTT CHRONICLES". Our hopes are that this will provide new information and updates to the Veterans and their families residing in Shasta County. Many of you know me from my many years as a Veteran Representative and my 15 years of community service, but now as the Veterans Service Officer, I look forward to moving our office forward with positive support from our community partners as we dedicate our time to help Veterans in Shasta County. Please come and visit us soon.

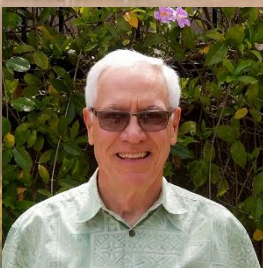
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"Today, women are in combat, that is just a reality. Thousands of women have been decorated for valor...and have given their lives. Today, what was once a band of brothers, has truly become a band of brothers and sisters."

--Army Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody | august 2012

Women Veterans Face Additional Challenges –

Growing Issues

A report by the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) found that the country's nearly 300,000 female veterans face greater challenges than their male counterparts as they reenter civilian life. Women veterans are more likely to be single parents and more likely to report stressful relationships than male veterans. Women veterans often face gaps in medical care regarding female health issues, and report higher rates of unemployment and homelessness.

<https://www.nvtsi.org/march-is-military-women-history-month/>

Did you know.....

- Women Served On The Front Lines In The 1700 and 1800s ... In Disguise!
- The First Female To Receive A Military Pension Fought In The Revolutionary War
- The First Woman To Receive A Medal Of Honor Fought In The Civil War
- Nurses Paved The Way For Women In The Military



"Let the generations know that women in uniform also guaranteed their freedom. That our resolve was just as great as the brave men who stood among us. And with victory ... our hearts were just as full and beat just as fast - that the tears fell just as hard - For those we left behind."

Army Nurse WWII

• Dependent College Fee Waiver

- The College Fee Waiver for Veteran Dependents benefit waives mandatory system-wide tuition and fees at any State of California Community College, California State University, or University of California campus. This program does not cover the expense of books, parking or room and board. There are four plans under which dependents of Veterans may be eligible.
- All applicants must meet California residency requirements.
- If eligibility criteria is met, use of the College Waiver for Veterans Dependents may be applied to state-support programs in the CCC, CSU, and UC systems.
- ✓ To apply download an application, then go to your local Shasta County Veterans Service Office.



Did You Know?...

You can have your “Veterans Status” identified on your California Driver’s License or State ID.



Eligible veterans can add the word “VETERAN” to the front of their drivers license or California ID to indicate that they have served in the U.S. Military. It can also play a critical role in enabling access to certain privileges, and benefits associated with being a veteran without having to carry and produce a DD-214 showing that you served at least 180 active duty. Interested veterans need to present a valid DD-214 to the Shasta County Service Office to receive a Veterans Status Verification form that will be Certified by a VSR. Then, the veteran takes the signed verification form to DMV field office for processing. DMV charges will apply.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



- February 12th - VSO/County **Closed** (Lincolns Birthday)
- February 18th - VSO/County **Closed** (Presidents Day)



February 2019

- ♥ VSO speaking on Veteran Talk Radio show Feb 23rd @ 9:30am on KCNR
- ♥ Parsons Veterans Appreciation Breakfast and Program Feb. 14th at 8:45
- ♥ VA Clinic Communications Meeting 9am on the 12th

March 2019

- ♣ TBI Awareness Month
- ♣ Women Veteran Awareness Month
- ♣ International Women's Day 8th
- ♣ DA and Veterans Fraud Fair 5th
- ♣ VA Clinic Communications Meeting 12th 9am
- ♣ Saint Patrick's Day 17th wear green
- ♣ National Vietnam War Veterans Day 29th
- ♣ Welcome Home Vietnam Event 30st 10am-3pm

SENIOR & VETERAN FRAUD PREVENTION FAIR



**Presented by the
SHASTA COUNTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

- **Meet your DA Fraud Protection Team!**
- **Resources from State/Local/Federal Agencies**
- **FREE Onsite Shredding (One Bankers Box)**
- **INFORMATIVE SPEAKER SERIES**
 - **Door Prizes!**

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

10:00am – 1:00pm

REDDING ELKS LODGE

250 Elk Drive, Redding, CA 96003

Light Refreshments Served

For more information contact 530-245-6322

Shasta County Veteran Services Office

Office: 530-225-5616

Fax: 530-245-6464

Walk-in only, No Appointments

Hours of Operation

Monday~Friday
8:30am – 11:30am
1pm-4pm

Address

1855 Shasta Street
Redding, CA 96001

Veterans Serving Veterans



Items to bring with you:

- DD-214
- Picture ID

Remember: if you lost your separation paperwork from the military, regardless of when, we can order it for you on site.

Visit our webpage for printable checklists.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF LOCAL VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS BY ADVOCATING ON THEIR BEHALF TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND FEDERAL APPEALS COURT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THEM WITH BENEFITS AND SERVICES TO WHICH THEY MAY BE ENTITLED.